

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 20, 2008

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Armstrong.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present. Ann DeVore was absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from May 7, 2008 Council meeting. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mr. Norm Lewis, Government teacher at Columbus North High School, was recognized for his contribution as high school Government teacher to this community. He is retiring after 38 years of service.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

None

**III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.17, 2008, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.12-1.1-7."( LHP Realty II) Community Development Director Judy Jackson along with Mr. Ryan Hou and Mr. Brooke Tuttle presented the request for tax abatement for LHP Realty II. Brooke Tuttle, President of LHP Technologies, gave a brief overview of LHP Realty II. He indicated LHP Realty is planning to construct a new warehouse and manufacturing facility on Lot # 6 at Woodside Northwest Industrial Park. The project will require an investment of approximately \$2,500,000. Council Person Craig Hawes indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found LHP Realty II to be in substantial compliance. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution and Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.18, 2008, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.12-1.1-7.” (Boyer Machine & Tool Inc.) Judy Jackson along with David Boyer and Bill Boyer presented this Resolution for tax abatement. They indicated they were seeking tax abatement for the purpose of purchasing additional equipment for their facility at 1080 S. Gladstone Avenue. Plans include the investment of \$346,100 in new manufacturing equipment. Bill and David gave a brief overview of the history of the company and the need for the new equipment. Council Person Craig Hawes indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Boyer Machine & Tool, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.19, 2008, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AUTHORIZING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA REGARDING THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.” Trena Carter with ARA presented this Resolution. She indicated the city of Lawrenceburg required the Resolution from the City Council for the Economic Development Grant Program in the amount up to \$2,000,000. The Resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lawrenceburg and the City of Columbus to execute and administer resultant grant contracts and agreements. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2008, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” Jim Clouse with Community Development presented this Ordinance. Jim indicated that according to Exhibit “B” attached to this Ordinance two areas within the city limits of the City of Columbus, Indiana should be designated as an economic development target area. Much discussion occurred including the possibility of adding additional areas. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.21, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I-2” (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) TO “RS-2” (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” (Corn Brook Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this request. Jeff indicated this request for rezoning was actually brought before the Plan Commission by the Plan Commission in order to correct a zoning map error. Jeff indicated the Columbus Plan Commission held a public hearing on the above referenced rezoning and forwarded it to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Plan Commission requested that approximately 10.36 acre acres be

rezoned. Jeff presented a power point presentation regarding the rezoning. One person in the audience spoke and asked for clarification whether this action is a rezoning or a correction. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on first reading. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. Motion to suspend the rules passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-4” (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “SU-9” (SPECIAL USE-HOSPITALS AND SANITARIUMS).” (Hospice Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. Jeff indicated the Plan Commission met on May 7, 2008 and reviewed the application for rezoning made by Hospice of South Central Indiana. They are requesting that 2 lots adjacent to their existing 17<sup>th</sup> Street facility be rezoned from R-4 to SU-9. Jeff presented a power point presentation. Steve Thomas, representing the Columbus Regional Hospital, was there to answer any questions. Discussion followed primarily concerning existing trees and landscaping. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA. REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “RHM” (MANUFACTURED HOME PARK) TO “CCc” (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL WITH CONDITIONS.” (Kennedy Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. Jeff indicated the Plan Commission met on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 regarding the application for rezoning. The applicants requested that an area of approximately 2.40 acres be rezoned. The property is located at 407 South Gladstone Avenue at the northeast corner of Gladstone Avenue and State Street. Jeff presented a power point presentation. Mark Pratt, the real estate agent for the property owners, answered questions. Discussion followed primarily about the access to the property. George Dutro moved to place in proper channels. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Technology Advisory Committee report by Chris Price. Power point presentation was given by Chris Price outlining the progress since the committee had been formed. Oakel Hardy was also available to answer questions. Discussion followed.
- C. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.

D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 P.M.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer